

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1996, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Mr. PACKARD, from the committee of conference,
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1854]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1854) “making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes,” having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 28, 29, 31, 37, 39, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 3, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 30, 33, 36, 38, 45, 46, and 47, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Retain the matter proposed, amended as follows:

Delete the sentence beginning “\$31,889,000.” on line 15 and ending on line 18 of page 3 of the engrossed amendments of the Senate to the bill H.R. 1854; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and the matter inserted by said amendment, insert: *For salaries and expenses of the Joint Commit-*

tee on Printing, \$750,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment Numbered 8:

Restore the matter stricken by said amendment, amended to read as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 112. Section 310 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1990, (2 U.S.C. 130e) is amended—

(1) by striking out "Clerk" and inserting in lieu thereof "Sergeant at Arms"; and

(2) by striking out "Librarian of Congress" and inserting in lieu thereof "Architect of the Capitol".

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 9:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert:

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of Public Law 104-1, the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$2,500,000, of which \$500,000 shall be transferred from the amount provided for salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance under the headings "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES", "Salaries and Expenses", and "Salaries, Officers, and Employees".

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert:

OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary to carry out the orderly closure of the Office of Technology Assessment, \$3,615,000, of which \$150,000 shall remain available until September 30, 1997. Upon enactment of this Act, \$2,500,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading in Public Law 103-283 shall remain available until September 30, 1996: Provided, That none of the funds made available in this Act shall be available for salaries or expenses of any employee of the Office of Technology Assessment in excess of 17 employees except for severance pay purposes.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 113. Upon enactment of this Act all employees of the Office of Technology Assessment for 183 days preceding termination of employment who are terminated as a result of the elimination of the Office and who are not otherwise gainfully employed may continue

to be paid by the Office of Technology Assessment at their respective salaries for a period not to exceed 60 calendar days following the employee's date of termination or until the employee becomes otherwise gainfully employed whichever is earlier. Any day for which a former employee receives a payment under this section shall be counted as federal service for purposes of determining entitlement to benefits, including retirement, annual and sick leave earnings, and health and life insurance. A statement in writing to the Director of the Office of Technology Assessment or his designee by any such employee that he was not gainfully employed during such period or the portion thereof for which payment is claimed shall be accepted as prima facie evidence that he was not so employed.

SEC. 114. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, or any other provision of law, upon the abolition of the Office of Technology Assessment, all records and property of the Office, (including the Unix system, all computer hardware and software, all library collections and research materials, and all photocopying equipment) shall be under the administrative control of the Architect of the Capitol. Not later than December 31, 1995, the Architect shall submit a proposal on how to transfer such records and property to appropriate support agencies of the Legislative Branch which request such transfer, and shall carry out such transfer subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 11:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 11, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the number proposed by said amendment, insert: \$24,288,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 12:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 12, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the number proposed by said amendment, insert: 232; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 14:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 14, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the number proposed by said amendment, insert: 115; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 16:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 16, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$22,882,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert: *Provided, That hereafter expenses, based on full cost recovery, for flying American flags and providing certification services therefor shall be advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the Capitol, and amounts so received shall be deposited into the Treasury, and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 22:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 22, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *\$83,770,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 25:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 25, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert: *\$211,664,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 27:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 27, and agree to the same amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *\$6,812,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 32:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 32, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert:

SEC. 209.(a) The purpose of this section is to reduce the cost of information support for the Congress by eliminating duplication among systems which provide electronic access by Congress to legislative information.

(b) As used in this section, the term "legislative information" means information, prepared within the legislative branch, consisting of the text of publicly available bills, amendments, committee hearings, and committee reports, the text of the Congressional Record, data relating to bill status, data relating to legislative activity, and other similar public information that is directly related to the legislative process.

(c) Pursuant to the plan approved under subsection (d) and consistent with the provisions of any other law, the Library of Congress or the entity designated by that plan shall develop and maintain, in coordination with other appropriate entities of the legislative branch, a single legislative information retrieval system to serve the entire Congress.

(d) The Library shall develop a plan for creation of this system, taking into consideration the findings and recommendations of the study directed by House Report No. 103-517 to identify and eliminate redundancies in congressional information systems. This plan must be approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Library shall provide

these committees with regular status reports on the development of the plan.

(e) In formulating its plan, the Library shall examine issues regarding efficient ways to make this information available to the public. This analysis shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives as well as the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives for their consideration and possible action.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 34:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 34, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Restore the matter stricken by said amendment, amended to read as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 210. The fiscal year 1997 budget submission of the Public Printer to the Congress for the Government Printing Office shall include appropriations requests and recommendations to the Congress that—

(1) are consistent with the strategic plan included in the technological study performed by the Public Printer pursuant to Senate Report 104-114;

(2) assure substantial progress toward maximum use of electronic information dissemination technologies by all departments, agencies, and other entities of the Government with respect to the Depository Library Program and information dissemination generally; and

(3) are formulated so as to require that any department, agency, or other entity of the Government that does not make such progress shall bear from its own resources the cost of its information dissemination by other than electronic means.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 35:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 35, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert: *3,800 workyears by the end of fiscal year 1996*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 40:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 40, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the first section number proposed in said amendment, insert: *212*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 41:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 41, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the first section number proposed in said amendment, insert: *213*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 48:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 48, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the section number proposed by said amendment, insert: *310*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 49:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 49, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the first section number proposed in said amendment, insert: *311*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 55:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 55, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert:

SEC. 312. Such sums as may be necessary are appropriated to the account described in subsection (a) of section 415 of Public Law 104-1 to pay awards and settlements as authorized under such subsection.

SEC. 313. (a) The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall have the same law enforcement authority, including the authority to carry firearms, as a member of the Capitol Police. The law enforcement authority under the preceding sentence shall be subject to the requirement that the Sergeant at Arms have the qualifications specified in subsection (b).

(b) The qualifications referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

(1) A minimum of five years of experience as a law enforcement officer before beginning service as the Sergeant at Arms.

(2) Current certification in the use of firearms by the appropriate Federal law enforcement entity or an equivalent non-Federal entity.

(3) Any other firearms qualification required for members of the Capitol Police.

(c) The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

SEC. 314. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective September 1, 1995, the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority—

(1) to combine the House of Representatives Clerk Hire Allowance, Official Expenses Allowance, and Official Mail Allowance into a single allowance, to be known as the "Members' Representational Allowance"; and

(2) to prescribe regulations relating to allocations, expenditures, and other matters with respect to the Members' Representational Allowance.

And the Senate agree to the same.

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JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1854) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

SENATE

Amendment No. 1: Appropriates \$426,919,000 for the operations of the Senate, rescinds \$63,544,724.12 of previously appropriated Senate funds, and contains several administrative provisions. At the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, the conferees agreed to amend the Senate amendment. Inasmuch as the amendment relates solely to the Senate and in accord with long practice under which each body concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate amendment, as amended.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Amendment No. 2: Appropriates \$750,000 for the Joint Committee on Printing instead of \$750,000 equally divided between the House and Senate authorizing committees as proposed by the House and \$1,164,000 as proposed by the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Amendment No. 3: Appropriates \$5,116,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$6,019,000 as proposed by the House.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Amendment No. 4: Appropriates \$70,132,000 for the salaries and related personnel expenses of the Capitol Police as proposed by the House instead of \$69,825,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 5: Provides \$34,213,000 to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, to be disbursed by the Clerk

of the House, as proposed by the House instead of \$33,906,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Amendment No. 6: Appropriates \$2,560,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police as proposed by the House instead of \$2,190,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

Amendment No. 7: Appropriates \$1,991,000 for the combined activities of the Capitol Guide Service and the Special Services Office as proposed by the House instead of \$1,628,000 for the Capitol Guide Service and \$363,000 for the Special Services Office as proposed by the Senate. The conferees direct that future year budget requests of the combined operation maintain a distinction between these separate services. The conferees also acknowledge the importance of the services provided to Members, staff, and public visitors by the Special Services Office and the dedication of the small, but highly proficient and motivated staff. This will continue the independent status of the Office.

Amendment No. 8: Restores language proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate amended to reconstitute the membership of the Special Services Board with the same membership as the Capitol Guide Board.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Amendment No. 9: Appropriates \$2,500,000, of which \$500,000 shall be transferred from funds in the Act appropriated for an Office of Compliance within the House of Representatives, for the Office of Compliance, a joint House-Senate activity authorized by the Congressional Accountability Act, instead of \$2,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. The funds remaining in the House bill may be redirected for salaries and expenses of the Office of Fair Employment Practices.

OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 10: Appropriates \$3,615,000, a reappropriation of \$2,500,000, and 60 days of severance pay for the close-out costs of the Office of Technology Assessment as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agreed to a clarifying amendment to the severance pay provision inserted by the Senate. This section provides a severance package for employees whose federal service is terminated as a result of the elimination of the OTA. Although the employee's service with the federal government will have been terminated, the period for which an employee receives payment under this section will be considered as creditable service for all purposes, including determining retirement benefits, accrual of annual and sick leave, entitlement to health benefits, etc. The conferees also have amended the Senate provision regarding records and property disposal to provide that such items shall be under the administrative control of the Architect of the Capitol. Not later than Decem-

ber 31, 1995, the Architect of the Capitol shall propose a transfer of these items. Such transfer shall be made to legislative branch support agencies, subject to the approval of House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 11: Appropriates \$24,288,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Budget Office instead of \$23,188,000 as proposed by the House and \$25,788,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees direct that the CBO comply with the requirements of the unfunded mandates workload out of the funds provided. If necessary, program analysis priorities should be adjusted to accommodate this directive.

Amendment No. 12: Limits full-time equivalent positions to 232 instead of 219 as proposed by the House and 244 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 13: Deletes \$1,100,000 appropriated in the House bill for the unfunded mandates workload as proposed by the Senate. Funds are provided for this workload in amendment 11.

Amendment No. 14: Changes a section number.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

SALARIES

Amendment No. 15: Appropriates \$8,569,000 for the salaries of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol as proposed by the House instead of \$8,876,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

CAPITOL BUILDINGS

Amendment No. 16: Appropriates \$22,882,000 for Capitol buildings instead of \$22,832,000 as proposed by the House and \$23,132,000 as proposed by the Senate. These funds include the items in the Senate bill less \$250,000 for security related functions which are not provided.

Amendment No. 17: Makes \$2,950,000 available until expended for Capitol buildings as proposed by the Senate instead of \$3,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 18: Provides that expenses, based on full cost recovery, of the flag office shall be advanced or reimbursed and amounts so received shall be deposited into the Treasury instead of crediting these amounts to this appropriation as proposed by the Senate. The conferees direct that the Architect of the Capitol propose a reprogramming that will provide the funds necessary to operate the flag office. The conferees also direct that the Architect make a proposal in the fiscal year 1997 budget request that would transfer these activities in whole or in part to a private entity, while retaining the practice of a Congressional officer who will 'certify' the special status of the flag.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Amendment No. 19: Appropriates \$41,757,000 for Senate office buildings, of which \$4,850,000 shall remain available until expended, as proposed by the Senate. Inasmuch as the amendment relates solely to the Senate and in accord with long practice under which each body concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate amendment.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Amendment No. 20: Appropriates \$31,518,000 for the Capitol Power Plant as proposed by the Senate instead of \$32,578,000 as proposed by the House.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 21: Appropriates \$60,084,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Research Service as proposed by the Senate instead of \$75,083,000 as proposed by the House.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Amendment No. 22: Appropriates \$83,770,000 for Congressional printing and binding instead of \$88,281,000 as proposed by the House and \$85,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have agreed to a partial restoration above the House allowance of \$1,706,000 in funds for the printing of documents for Congressional use, \$1,415,000 for GPO detailees, and \$1,050,000 for paper copies of the serial set, as well as the base cut of \$2,882,000 made in the Senate allowance. The conferees have deleted \$5,800,000 provided by the House to reimburse the Superintendent of Documents for Congressional documents printed for distribution to depository libraries. Instead, these funds have been provided in the Superintendent of Documents appropriation, conforming with current practice. The conferees direct the Public Printer, in consultation with the Joint Committee on Printing, to administer these funds and find further opportunities to reduce unnecessary Congressional printing.

Amendment No. 23: Deletes language proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate that would have included Senators in the funding limitation on paper copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional Record.

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

BOTANIC GARDEN

CONSERVATORY RENOVATION

Amendment No. 24: Deletes \$7,000,000 provided without fiscal year limitation together with a limitation of cost provided by the

House and stricken by the Senate for the renovation of the Botanic Garden Conservatory.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 25: Appropriates \$211,664,000 for salaries and expenses, Library of Congress, instead of \$193,911,000 as proposed by the House and \$213,164,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have restored \$17,753,000 above the House allowance, including funding for the American Folklife Center. These funds include \$3,000,000 for the National Digital Library project.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Amendment No. 26: Provides an obligational authority ceiling for reimbursable and revolving fund activities at the Library of Congress of \$99,412,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$86,912,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 27: Provides \$6,812,000 for non-expenditure transfer activities in support of parliamentary development instead of \$5,667,000 as proposed by the House and \$7,295,000 as proposed by the Senate. The additional funds are provided for activities in support of parliamentary development in Albania and Slovakia.

Amendment No. 28: Deletes language inserted by the Senate limiting funding for parliamentary development to activities funded by the Agency for International Development.

Amendment No. 29: Deletes language inserted by the Senate which adds Egypt to the country list included in the program in support of parliamentary development.

Amendment No. 30: Deletes a provision inserted by the House and stricken by the Senate that amends section 206 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1994, that limits obligations for gift and trust funds in excess of \$100,000 to the amounts provided in annual or supplemental appropriations Acts beginning with fiscal year 1997. The conferees believe that Congress must retain oversight over gift and trust fund obligations and their impact on Library of Congress programs. These funds are becoming significant supplements to core programs of the Library of Congress and are being used to fund, along with appropriated funds, projects such as the National Digital Library.

To ensure Congressional oversight of gift and trust fund activities, the Committee directs the Library to include a new informational section in their budget submission documents which represents a combined justification for those appropriation-funded projects which are augmented by major gift and trust fund activities. These justifications should be similar to those of the Cataloging Distribution Service and the Copyright Office which are funded by appropriation and revenue receipts and should include an estimate of resources and full-time-equivalents necessary to accomplish the project. Furthermore, the Library is directed to notify the Appropriations Committees of any major new gift and trust fund activities not included in the annual budget justification or major changes to existing gift and trust fund programs. A major gift or trust fund activity is defined as any single account of \$100,000 or

more. A threshold of \$100,000 for any single activity will exempt certain funds established for special purposes such as the purchase of a rare manuscript, sponsorship of an exhibit, or other instances where the traditional gift and trust fund accountability is suitable. The conferees believe that full disclosure of project plans, resource commitments, and long term cost implications, regardless of funding source, will mitigate the need for a legislative limitation in appropriations acts. If this method proves unwieldy or otherwise insufficient, an appropriations limitation will still be available to the Congress. In any case, the intent is not to redirect the use of donated funds to other purposes, but to ensure that core Library of Congress project activities are consistent with public policy and that the Congress retains the means to carry out its responsibility to oversee the activities of this most important program.

Amendment No. 31: Deletes a Senate provision authorizing the Library to offer retirement incentives to employees throughout fiscal year 1996.

Amendment No. 32: Changes a section number and authorizes the Library of Congress to develop a plan, subject to approval, for the creation of a single legislative information retrieval system to serve the entire Congress, to examine issues regarding efficient ways to make this information available to the public, and to develop such a system, subject to plan approval. The conference agreement amends the Senate provision to condition the development of the system based on appropriate approvals, and to include the Committees on Appropriations in the plan approval procedure. The conferees wish to point out that there are commercial sources of comparable systems and data bases, as well as several data bases and data creation, processing, and distribution systems extant in the legislative branch that should be evaluated in the issue analysis and plan development phases.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 33: Appropriates \$30,307,000 for salaries and expenses, Superintendent of Documents, as proposed by the Senate instead of \$16,312,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 34: Deletes a House provision stricken by the Senate which would have amended section 1903 of Title 44, and inserts a provision directing the Public Printer to include in the fiscal year 1997 budget submission a proposal for the depository library program that will result in conversion of this program to electronic format. The Public Printer is directed to propose a means to create cost incentives for publishing agencies, including the Congress, to migrate from print-on paper products to electronic format. The conferees direct that the Public Printer and Superintendent of Documents consult with the Joint Committee on Printing, House and Senate document publishing managers, and appropriate executive branch officials in the development of the fiscal year 1997 budget program. The conferees also do not intend that the study directed in the Senate report or the plan regarding electronic format should

interfere with the activities of the authorizing committees to consider legislation amending title 44, U.S. Code, or any legislative initiative which will improve the Federal printing program.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

Amendment No. 35: Limits the full-time equivalent employment at the Government Printing Office to 3,800 by the end of the fiscal year instead of 3,550 as proposed by the House and 3,900 by the end of the fiscal year as proposed by the Senate.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 36: Appropriates \$374,406,000 for salaries and expenses, General Accounting Office as proposed by the Senate instead of \$392,864,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees direct that the General Accounting Office downsizing plan made necessary by the level of funding provided incorporate privatization of administrative activities to the maximum extent and utilize the services of private accounting firms, and other private sector experts in carrying out audit, financial analysis, and program evaluation activities. The conferees direct that the fiscal year 1997 budget proposal contain a separate section which documents this policy, together with comparisons to current practices.

Amendment No. 37: Deletes a provision inserted by the Senate providing an advance appropriation for fiscal year 1997 of \$338,425,400, and \$6,100,000 of reimbursements received. The conferees agree that the intent is to achieve a 25% reduction over the two year period of fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Amendment No. 38: Changes a heading as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 39: Restores a provision proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate which transfers claims and judgments activities to the executive branch effective June 30, 1996.

Amendment No. 40: Changes a section number and amends section 732 of Title 31, giving authority to the Comptroller General to establish reduction in force regulations for GAO as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 41: Changes a section number and amends section 753 of Title 31, removing from the GAO Personnel Appeals Board their authority to stay a reduction in force as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 42: Deletes a provision inserted by the Senate giving the General Accounting Office authority to offer incentives to employees who retire or resign on or before September 30, 1995. The authority is contained in H.R. 1944, the fiscal year 1995 emergency supplemental and rescissions Act.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amendment No. 43: Restores a provision proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate which transfers personnel and

unexpended balances for security equipment design and installation from the Architect of the Capitol to the Capitol Police.

Amendment No. 44: restores a section number.

Amendment No. 45: Adds a subsection inserted by the Senate regarding the Administrative Conference of the United States. The conference agreement complies with the intent of the Congressional Accountability Act to study the application of certain laws to the General Accounting Office, Library of Congress, and the Government Printing Office. In the event the Administrative Conference is not funded, the conference agreement provides that the study will be undertaken by the Office of Compliance.

Amendment No. 46: Deletes a provision proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate that would have authorized the Provost Marshall at Ft. Meade to police the 100 acre parcel assigned to the Legislative Branch.

Amendment No. 47: Deletes a provision proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate that would have transferred the Botanic Garden to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Amendment No. 48: Changes a section number.

Amendment No. 49: Changes a section number and inserts a Senate provision amending Public Law 101-302 regarding Senate artwork.

Amendment No. 50: Deletes a sense of the Senate provision relating to members of the Senate press galleries.

Amendment No. 51: Deletes a Senate legislative provision regarding the selection of Federal Government contractors.

Amendment No. 52: Deletes a sense of the Senate provision regarding the Senate legislative schedule.

Amendment No. 53: Deletes a provision stating findings and sense of the Senate provision regarding the war in Bosnia.

Amendment No. 54: Deletes a Senate legislative provision repealing section 3303 and amending section 2302(b)(2) of Title 5, regarding prohibitions against political recommendations relating to Federal employment.

Amendment No. 55: Deletes a legislative provision inserted by the Senate regarding reductions in facility energy costs and inserts three provisions: 1. to specify the law enforcement authority of the House Sergeant at Arms; 2. to clarify the existing authority of the Committee on House Oversight to consolidate or combine representational allowances of Members of the House of Representatives and to prescribe regulations with regard to allocation and expenditure of such allowances; and 3. to establish an account to pay awards and settlements as authorized under section 415 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995. The conferees direct that the Architect of the Capitol, the Librarian of Congress, the Public Printer, and the Comptroller General include in their fiscal year 1997 budget submissions proposals to achieve reductions in facility energy costs. The conferees are aware that the Architect of the Capitol has an extensive energy retrofit program in effect, which has been fully coordinated with the Congress and the Committees on Appropriations. Those savings may be included within the required proposal.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1996 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1995 amount, the 1996 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1996 follow:

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1995	\$2,390,554,700
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1996	2,617,614,000
House bill, fiscal year 1996	1,725,698,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1996	2,190,370,000
Conference agreement, fiscal year 1996	2,184,856,000
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1995	– 205,698,700
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1996	– 432,758,000
House bill, fiscal year 1996	+459,158,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1996	– 5,514,000

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